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PRIORITY: High

SUBJECT: PREGNANT BADGERCARE RECIPIENTS

CROSS REFERENCE: MA Handbook, 12.0.0 and 26.0.0

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

PURPOSE

This memo describes policy and process associated with pregnant BadgerCare (BC) recipients.

BACKGROUND

A Healthy Start (HS) recipient's Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) capitation rate is higher than that of other Medicaid (MA) recipients because of the greater frequency and cost of pregnancy-related services.

When determining BC capitation rates, it was assumed that recipients would report pregnancy to Economic Support (ES) workers. The report of a BC recipient's pregnancy results in a change to the HS category, because HS is higher on the MA cascade than BC. Therefore, pregnancy-related services are not included in the capitation rates paid for BC recipients.

DISCUSSION

It is apparent that BC recipients sometime fail to report their pregnancy to their ES worker, probably because they already have health care coverage.

When a BC recipient becomes pregnant, it is important that the pregnancy be entered in CARES, so that the correct category of MA and medical status code is applied and correct capitation rate paid.

There are a number of cases for which the medical status code needs to be changed retroactively. The MA Fiscal Agent (EDS) will correct cases identified as of July 2001.

It is important for current eligibility that the data in CARES and MMIS match. Therefore, ES workers will receive information on an ongoing basis regarding assigned cases identified after August 2001 for which medical status code corrections need to be made. Reports will be sent out to local agencies via the Regional Offices and will include this data:

1. Client name
2. MA ID
3. CARES case number
4. The month pregnancy is medically verified
5. The due or delivery date

PROCESS

When an ES worker is made aware of a client's pregnancy through a State generated report, s/he should consider the pregnancy medically verified. The begin date, pregnancy due or end (delivery) date, and the number of fetuses are entered on CARES screen ANPI. Assume there is 1 fetus, unless the client reports and verifies that she is pregnant with 2 or more fetuses.

If the client hasn't yet delivered, run SFED/X with dates, from the month the pregnancy is medically verified through the recurring month. She is eligible for HS through the end of the calendar month in which the 60th day after the delivery date falls. If the woman has already delivered, the ES worker should run SFED/X with dates from the month the pregnancy was medically verified through the calendar month in which the 60th day after the delivery date falls. Confirm the medical status code change from BC to HS (MHSN, MHSP, NHSP, MHSC, NHSC) for each of those months.

Refunds due for any BC premiums paid will automatically be processed at EDS when the medical status code change occurs.

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